

Book and Tract Work.

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I have always had a deep interest in the Salvation Army. When trouble came my sympathy was with the American folks. I thought I understood the situation. The American army is the progressive wing of the army, but desiring the facts I wrote to head quarters. The letter may be of interest to the reader.

CHICAGO, JUNE 12, 1896.

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My dear Brother:—Yours of May 30, to the Colonel to hand and he has instructed me to reply in reference to the same. I note that you are anxious to know some of the particulars of our work and also something about the organization. In the first place there is a difference in the government. In the old movement General Booth is the supreme head and issues all rules and regulations. We shall have a Military Council who will make the rules. This council will be formed by the leading staff officers of the country.

Again the volunteers as the name indicates will be thoroughly American in every particular and will suit the tastes of the American people. Our titles will correspond with the United States Army and our uniform will be patterned after the same. We shall have training forts to educate the officers in, and we shall aim to reach all classes of people. Trusting that this will be the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

C. C. HERRON.

While our friends are working in their way for the salvation of souls, we are to remember that we are to work in our way. Christ is our head, and every believer in him is a member of his staff. What we need is more VOLUNTEERS. These are needed in the tract department. There are slums for us to visit, and heights to capture, truth to defend and souls to win. Who will help in the work. Reader, have you given us any help? If so, you have our thanks. If not, will you not give us what you can? Time is ripe for more advanced work.

It is said that Cuba, struggling for liberty, needs ammunition more than men. I do know that the Brethren church needing consecrated men and women, needs greatly, plenty of ammunition. We have the material for manufacturing, paper, ink, press, and the thoughts to mould and scatter, but the trouble is to get them

into the hands of the people. We have to run sometimes a regular blockade of property. Now we could do so much on so little, but the trouble is to get the little. We are depending on those interested in the cause to furnish the means.

It is said, "too many cooks spoil the broth." That may be so, if the cooks are untrained, but in this case it is not broth we are brewing, but strong meat for making saints we are handing out, and we cannot have too many helpers. Hungry people are all around us, needing food and drink. Help supply their wants.

Organized littles lead to large scatterings. Some people hesitate to help because they cannot do much. This is a mistake. Dorcas with a needle made for herself a great reputation as well as clothed the naked. And Aaron with a rod shamed the Egyptians. A boy's lunch under the divine blessing fed a multitude. The little that you give may save a soul or build a church. No need then to hesitate because you have only a mite. Drop it with a prayer and Christ may pick it up with a blessing.

"About 160,000 pages of tracts have been ordered for distribution, which we hope to print soon. Part of them will be used for distribution in the saloons of Chicago."

The above is cut from a little paper called: The Sent of God. They appreciate tract work, and show their faith by their works. The following is from the same paper.

"There was a Hindoo once who got hold of a single leaf of the Bible. The leaf had on it the text, 'God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.' That text was quite enough to make a Hindoo want to know more. So he inquired where he could get the rest of this wonderful Book, and he travelled hundreds of miles, until he came to the mission station. And great was his joy when he got a copy of the whole Bible. Dear reader, have you sought for the knowledge of Christ as earnestly as that Hindoo. Can you say with Job, 'I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food?' Is the Word a lamp unto your feet, and a light unto your pathway? Can you say, 'I delight to do thy will, Oh Lord?' Do you rejoice in the Lord? The Word says, 'Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.'"

"Figures don't lie." No; but sometimes the men do who make them.

Literary Notes.

From the newsboy on the street to Commander Ballington Booth, people are familiar nowadays with the "Moody and Sankey" Gospel Hymns. Twenty-five years ago it was different. It was with fear and trembling that Mr. Sankey made his first attempt at using these hymns publicly in Scotland, one evening in November, 1873. Public denouncement had been made there of his "human hymns," and "kist o' whistles," as his small cabinet organ was called by the Scotch. The outcome of this and subsequent meetings, and a laughable incident in connection with the "kist," are to be told by Mr. Sankey himself in a forthcoming issue of THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES.

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